

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

**March 13, 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room  
Chula Vista Police Department Headquarters**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. There were problems with the digital recorder which caused a delay in the start of the meeting.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Liken; Commissioners Cochrane, Caudillo, Navarro, and Perrett

Absent: Commissioners Moriarty and Rosario

Also present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Jamal Naji, Associate Engineer; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Navarro stated he would need to leave the meeting at 6:50 for a prior commitment.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Prayer**

**3. Opening Statement**

Opening statement read by Chair Liken.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes for the November 8, 2007 meeting could not be approved due to lack of quorum.
- b. The December 13, 2007 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, therefore approval of minutes was not needed.
- c. **MSC (Cochrane/Navarro)** to approve minutes of January 10, 2008 as submitted. (5-0-2, Moriarty/Rosario absent)

**5. Safety Commission Attendance Report**

**MSC (Liken/Cochrane)** to excuse this meeting's absence of Commissioner Moriarty (called in advance) and log the absence of Commissioner Rosario as unexcused. (5-0-2, Moriarty/Rosario absent)

**6. Oral Communications**

None.

**MEETING AGENDA**

**7. Recognition of Service for Commissioner Jose Lopez**

Commissioner Lopez was unable to attend tonight's meeting. This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

**8. Report on Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Montecito Road and Hunte Parkway**

Staff received a written request from a resident of Montecito Road requesting the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Montecito Road/Duncan Ranch Road and Hunte Parkway. The resident feels that this intersection is unsafe for pedestrians and motorists alike, due to excessive vehicle speeds and sight distance constraints along Hunte Parkway. Staff conducted a study of the intersection. Frank Rivera gave a short presentation.

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**Staff Recommendation:** That the Safety Commission deny the installation of all-way stop control at this intersection and recommend the following:

- Establish and post 35 mph speed limits for both directions of traffic along Hunte Parkway north of Proctor Valley Road to Hunte Parkway's northern terminus.
- Install centerline striping along Hunte Parkway between Proctor Valley Road and Hunte Parkway's northern terminus
- Request that the appropriate Homeowners Association remove the tree that is reducing the available sight distance along the north west corner of this intersection.

**Public hearing opened.**

The following persons spoke in favor of staff's recommendation:

1. Gregory Dumas, 2741 Valley Creek Drive
2. John Tolley, 594 Los Altos Drive

**Public hearing closed.**

**Commission Discussion:** Chair Liken asked staff if the accident report information is data from SWITRS. Principal Engineer Rivera responded yes. Commissioner Cochrane asked if Botts dots could be used as a speed reducing measure. Principal Engineer Rivera responded that Botts dots could be used but that striping and reflectors should be considered first. The goal is to try to make the roadway seem narrower to reduce speeds. He went on to explain different striping scenarios. Commissioner Cochrane did not think re-striping would stop racing vehicles and felt widening the bike lane may appear as another driving lane. Commissioner Navarro thought a wider bike lane would be more dangerous for bike riders, giving them a false sense of security. Discussion ensued on bike lane striping. Commissioner Perrett agreed with the staff's recommendations.

Chair Liken asked if there was a high speed report. He pointed out that lane narrowing at Terra Nova (Hidden Vista Drive) has provided some relief. He agreed with staff's recommendation and small steps should be taken first and progress upward. He referenced the traffic calming measures at Corral Canyon. He asked if the traffic trailers could be set out show driver's speeds.

It was agreed that striping with a 4 ft. median for pedestrians and bike lanes with no parking would help reduce the speeds.

**MSC (Liken/Perrett)** to concur with staff recommendation and also install road narrowing striping changes (4 ft. median for pedestrians and bike lanes with no parking). (5-0-2, Moriarty and Rosario absent)

Commissioner Navarro left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**9. Report on Speed Limit Revision for Marina Parkway between Sandpiper Way and Bay Boulevard**

An Engineering and Traffic survey was completed for a segment of Marina Parkway in accordance with the California Vehicle Code which mandates that a speed survey be completed and updated every seven years for each street with a posted speed limit within the City. Based on the results of this speed survey staff has determined that the speed limit on Marina Parkway between Sandpiper Way and the region's Mean High Tide Line (MHTL) should be increased from 35 mph to 40 mph. Staff also determined that the speed limit on Marina Parkway between the MHTL and Bay Boulevard should retain the 35 mph speed limit. Principal Civil Engineer Rivera gave a very short presentation.

**Staff Recommendation:** Safety Commission concur with staff's recommendation and recommend the Chula Vista City Council increase the existing speed limit on Marina Parkway between Sandpiper Way and the MHTL from 35 mph to 40 mph, and that Schedule X of the register maintained in the office of the City Engineer be revised to include this revised speed limit.

**MSC (Cochrane/Perrett)** to concur with staff's recommendation. (4-0-3, Moriarty, Navarro, and Rosario absent)

**10. Traffic Engineering CIP Project Update – March 2008**

Report accepted into record.

**11. Traffic Accident Summary, January 2008**

Officer Mullen was not present. Chair Liken stated that the volume of citations are on the upper end and have increased. Going back to Item 8, the subject intersection did not have any reported collisions during the reporting period. Chairman John Liken mentioned he felt that when we provide the accident history for any location, there are some collisions where no report is ever taken. He asked if there is a way for the CVPD to report for one year (Year 2007), how many calls were received regarding vehicle collisions in order to compare the number of phone calls recieved with the number of reported collisions that we get through SWITRS.

**12. Action Summary Update**

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera stated that both the Oleander/Tamarack and Lakeshore/Hartford all way stops were denied by City Council. On the Oleander/Tamarak item, Council directed staff to look at the first wave of improvements and come back to Council in six months to 180 days to determine whether a problem still exists, and to then look at the next level of traffic calming measures. Council encouraged encouraged staff to go back and look at instituting more traffic-calming methods.

On the Lakeshore/Hartford item, Mayor Cox directed staff to come back with a report in a couple of months to address what could be done regarding posting of warning signs.

Commissioners Moriarty and Cochrane represented the Safety Commission on these items. Chair Liken thanked the Commissioners for their efforts. He stated he felt that City Council feels strongly about the warrant system.

**13. Potential Upcoming Safety Commission Agenda Items**

- Proposed All-way Stop Control at the Intersection of E. Emerson Street and Cuyamaca Avenue
- Proposed Speed Limit Modification to Hidden Vista Road

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Cochrane noted at the Lakeshore T-intersection has lots of people using that road as a shortcut. He requested motor enforcement at that intersection.

**17. Staff Comments**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:12 P.M.** to the next scheduled meeting of April 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary